Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Supervisor of Elections. It’s a challenging and rewarding position. This year has been especially challenging with COVID-19. Its impact has been felt by nearly every person and industry on the planet. Elections are no exception.

The greatest part about our voting system is you have a choice on when, where and how you want to vote. If COVID-19 concerns require you to stay at home, consider voting by mail. It is a safe, secure option. This guide explains the security and process in great detail. In person voting will be conducted as normal: early voting and at your polling place on election day.

I plan on increasing the number of locations for both the Primary and General Elections to expand options for early voting. Additional voting locations will help with anticipated lines created by social distancing guidelines, and a long ballot in November. Early voting dates, times and locations will be announced 30 days prior to each election.

The Elections Team is here to serve you. Our goal is to make voting easy and accessible for all voters in St. Johns County. Please visit our office, call or use our online resources to help you prepare for Election Day.

Voting has never been easier than it is today!

Any registered voter can request a ballot to Vote-by-Mail
Early voting is conducted prior to each election
Vote at your precinct on election day 7 AM – 7 PM

2020 ELECTION DATES
PRIMARY ELECTION
AUGUST 18, 2020
Registration Deadline: JULY 20, 2020

GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 3, 2020
Registration Deadline: OCTOBER 5, 2020

What is a Registration Deadline?
While you may register to vote at any time, by Florida law, the deadline to register for an upcoming election is 29 days before the election. The deadline also applies to party changes for those who are already registered.

Are You Registered?
Election Information is just a Click Away at www.votesjc.com

SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES
THE BIG PICTURE
WHEN VOTING IN PERSON

In person voting considerations:
• Social distancing guidelines will cause lines at the polls
• Some of our polling places are very small and may need to be relocated to larger facilities
• If your polling place is moved, you will be notified by mail
• Only so many election workers and voters will be permitted inside a polling place at one time
• Voters waiting in line will be outside the polling place

6 FT. social distance COVID-19

*Para asistencia en Español por favor llámanos al 888-960-2959
REGISTERING TO VOTE IS EASY

You **CAN** register to vote if:
- You are a citizen of the United States of America.
- You are at least 18 years of age (you may preregister at age 16).
- You are a legal resident of the State of Florida and of the county where you intend to vote.

You **CANNOT** register to vote if:
- You are not a citizen of the United States of America. (A lawful permanent resident cannot register or vote in Florida).
- You have been convicted of a felony or adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting, unless and until your right to vote has been restored.

Register By Mail:
Voter Registration Application forms are available to print online at www.votesjc.com. Simply complete an application and mail it to the Elections Office.

Where to Register in Person:
To register in person, simply complete a Florida Voter Registration Application at an authorized agency, which includes: any Supervisor of Elections Office, public libraries, Florida Driver License offices, any office that provides public assistance or serves persons with disabilities (centers for independent living, WIC and Florida Department of Children and Families Offices), and armed forces recruitment offices. You may also submit your voter registration information at the same time you apply for a new or renewed Florida Driver License or Florida ID.

What You Will Need to Register:
You will need your Florida Driver License number, Florida ID number, or if you have not been issued one, the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you have not been issued any of the numbers above, check the box next to “I have NONE of these numbers” on the Florida Voter Registration Application.

When to Register:
You can register at any time. However, if you want to vote in an upcoming election, the deadline to register is the 29th day before that election.

ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION

Did you know you can now register to vote or make changes to your voter information online, including party changes? Register to vote Florida.gov is mobile friendly and accessible through our website votesjc.com. This service is convenient, simple and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

To submit a registration online, applicants will need a Florida driver license or Florida identification (ID) card and the last four digits of their social security number. Once the individual’s identity is verified and the application deemed complete, a voter information card will be issued by the Elections Office.

So the next time you need to update your information, just give it a try!

ELECTION INFORMATION IS JUST A CLICK AWAY!

Use our website to:
- Register to vote
- Update your registration
- Check your voter status
- Change your address, name or party affiliation
- Verify your polling location
- Request a Vote-by-Mail ballot
- Track the status of your Vote-by-Mail ballot
- Find information on current Elected Officials
- View Candidate list, Reports and Profiles
- Read Constitutional Amendments
- View Past Election Results
- View District & Precinct Maps

Is it time for a Signature Update?
Has your signature changed from this....

John Hancock...

...to this? John Hancock

When you vote by mail, your signature is used to verify your identity. If your signature has changed, please send an update to the Supervisor of Elections. Your signature on file will be used to verify your signature on your returned ballot certificate envelope. It’s a good idea to use a Voter Registration Application to submit a signature update.

- Print a Voter Registration Application at www.votesjc.com
- Check the Record Update box
- Complete form and sign in the signature box at the bottom.
- Mail the form to:
  Supervisor of Elections
  4455 Avenue A, Suite 101
  St. Augustine, Florida 32095

If you're unable to download the form, just send us a letter with your name, date of birth, and signature. Mention that this is a signature update.

Esta publicación está disponible en Español en nuestro sitio web:
https://www.votesjc.com/Voter-Education/Voter-Education-Pamphlets
Ballots are now printed in English and Spanish. Since there are a large number of amendments on the ballot, you will have a 2 page ballot in November.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**
**LAW CHANGE FOR VOTE-BY-MAIL DROP BOXES**
Due to a law change, Vote-By-Mail Drop boxes will **ONLY** be available in Early Voting locations during the hours of early voting.
YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT: REVIEW IT, MARK IT, TAKE IT TO THE POLLS
Your sample ballot is based on your legal residence address and party affiliation (in primary elections) and will be mailed approximately three weeks prior to election day. If you would like your sample ballot e-mailed, please notify the Elections Office. Your sample ballot contains your specific ballot style and information regarding voting opportunities in the election. It may also be used to research candidates and issues. Mark your sample ballot and take it with you as a reference when voting.

What the Pros Know
These are some tips that can make voting easier.

- Make any changes in advance. Don't stand in line at the precinct to update your address or change your name. It's much easier to handle this business on the phone or online in advance.

- Find your precinct ahead of time. Check your new voter information card to see which polling location you are assigned to for Election Day. This may have changed since the last time you voted. If so, take a little drive in advance to be sure you can locate your polling location.

- Bring your identification. Be sure your ID includes a photo and a signature. That way, you'll breeze right through the check in process.

- The busiest times at the precinct are from 7 AM - 9:30 AM and 4 PM - 7 PM. Midday voters often don't have to wait in line.

- If you enjoy the comforts of home, why not vote there? Voting by mail is very popular. Just be sure your ballot arrives at the Supervisor of Elections office before 7 PM on Election Day.

Closed Primary State
Florida is a Closed Primary State. Each party may hold a primary election to nominate the candidate who will represent their party in the general election. State law says only voters registered with each party may vote in the party’s primary election. All voters may vote on nonpartisan races, amendments and referendums. In a general election, all voters may vote on all races, regardless of party affiliation. If you would like to change your party affiliation, the changes must be submitted in writing.

THE DEADLINE TO CHANGE PARTY AFFILIATION IS 29 DAYS BEFORE A PRIMARY ELECTION